

The cancellation of claims 1-7 obviates the objection to claim 3 and all of the rejections under 35USC102 as well as the rejections of these claims under 35USC103 on the combination of Karkoska and Mahoney.

The amendment to claim 8 adopts language similar to a limitation in claim 15, which is said to be allowable if rewritten to be incorporated in claim 13. The concept of maintaining the uprights in an upright orientation after elevation of the crossbar is clearly not present in Karkoska, or any of the references, nor can it be inferred readily from any of them or a combination. Reconsideration of the rejections of claims 8-12 is requested.

Re the rejections of claims 13-20 under 35USC103, Examiner's references do not disclose a nose boom. A nose boom as included in the limitations of claim 13 is not at all obvious from the references, and there is no motivation discernible in the various combinations of references for including one. In view of this deficiency in the prior art, applicant has not rewritten claims 14-16 to incorporate their features into claim 13, although Examiner says they would then be allowable. Applicant believes claim 13 and all its dependent claims are allowable in their original form if only because of the absence of a nose boom from the combinations set forth by the Examiner.

Please note the appended claims listing.

Respectfully submitted,




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